

MURPHY IN BAD.

Players Take Exception to Cub Boss' Plans.

He Would Let Baserunners Overrun Bags.

CUT THE FEATURES.

Abolish the Slide and Fade Away for Safety.

Hand Passes Out on Three Balls Too.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 24.—If President Murphy of the flag-winning Cubs wants some really and truly suggestions tending to elevate the national pastime he'd best consult the everyday celebrities who play the game and who are camping out during the winter months within the confines of Cook county. Then, mayhap, the West side advocate of higher baseball would pigeonhole the idea of debasing the game by running or sliding the batter three balls instead of four before landing free passage to first.

Objections galore were heard today from major league stars who were approached on the topic. True, the players appreciate the stand taken by Mr. Murphy in the interest of their respective welfare, by guarding against the possibility of injury while running at top speed, but the other side of the problem is presented when one stops to consider the feeling of the players doing defensive duty.

"Under the rules proposed by Mr. Murphy pertaining to base running the game would lose many of its most spectacular features," said Billy Sullivan, premier catcher of the White Sox, tonight. "Speed marvells like Cobb, Bush, Harry Lord and Collins would have the freedom of the infield, and it wouldn't be long before the 'hook' and 'fade-away' slide would pass out of the game. Then, too, the rule would demoralize inside baseball, for instead of sliding, the runner could keep on sprinting with more assurance of safe passage to second or third, even if he should overtake either bag."

"The suggestion that Mr. Murphy makes relative to walking a batter on three balls instead of four, as is now the case, also looks to me like a step backward instead of ahead. Under these conditions the batter men would have scant opportunity to pull off brilliant plays, and managers would dare use only their pitchers who possess unerring control. Pitch-outs, for instance, would be kicked to the board, for the pitcher would not care to 'waste' any balls in a pinch."

Ed Sweeney, the bonnie backstopper of the Highland clan, happy in the possession of much gray matter and baseball knowledge as well as a deadly whip, seconds every motion made by the veteran Sullivan. The big Yankee cut loose as follows:

Would Need a Gun.

"Tell 'em for me that the proposed rules would spoil baseball. In either case the defensive side of the game would be reduced to a point where scientific exponents of baseball could show to an ordinary audience that I know I'd need a gun to stop base runners headed for second or third with the knowledge that they would not be called out in the event they had been overthrown or overruled either sack. Both ideas are jokes."

"There is only one change needed to my way of thinking," continued Big Ed, switching the topic. "The rule makers can score a knockout if they pass a regulation prohibiting coaches from grabbing base runners and pushing them back to first or third when the runner is trying to take another base on a drive. There's one chance for the reformers to get in their heavy work."

Loud roars of derision emanated from other celebrities, including Arthur Devlin, third baseman of the New York Giants; Joe Tinker and King Cole of the Cubs; Frank Roth, last season's world champion of the Cincinnati Reds; Herman Schaefer, utility member of the Washington Nationals, and Charley O'Leary of the Detroit infield. All these heroes are wintering in Chicago and all are against the idea sprung by the Cub magnate a few days ago.

President Murphy is still missing, but report today had that he was rejoining in Cincinnati preliminary to starting for New Orleans, where he will complete plans for the training trip of his champions.

ONE UMPIRE NOT ENOUGH.

Tinker and Jones Favor Two at Least.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Joe Tinker, shortstop of the Chicago National league club, and Fielder A. Jones, ex-manager of the Chicago American league team, say the Pacific coast league is making a grave mistake in rejecting the double umpire system. Both diamond stars assert that the game of baseball has progressed to such an extent that one umpire can not be expected to do both teams justice while handling a game alone.

"No umpire, I do not care how expert or honest, can handle a modern game of baseball and satisfy every one," says Tinker. "A single umpire can not see two plays and neither can he watch both first and third bases when there are more than one or two base runners on the path. It does not matter how fair or impartial an official may be, when working alone he is handicapped every time a runner gets to first base. He must either umpire the game from behind the plate or back of the pitcher's box, and in either case he can not move quickly enough to judge close plays on the bases accurately. This is especially true of the official behind the plate and if he is behind the pitcher he will frequently err on balls hit along the first or third base lines."

"I have seen a ball hit along the

third base line in the ninth inning of a game called a fair ball when it was at least two or three inches foul, and had it been properly judged the pitcher would have won a no-hit, no-run game. Being called a safe hit, it went for three bases and scored a runner, tying the score, and the batter afterward scored the winning run.

"Many a game is won through a daring base runner 'cutting a base' and the failure of the umpire to see the play. Two good umpires don't miss those plays and it pays any league to hire the best men they can get and to have two of them working together all the time. Keep the same pair of umpires together all season is another piece of advice I would give presidents of leagues, for they succeed in

perfecting a set of signals and do better work together."

McMURRAY SIGNS CONTRACT.

Valuable Man and Newest in League Says Hendrix.

Denver, Jan. 24.—Once again has Jimmy McGill, president of the Denver baseball club, found cause to sigh in relief. He has Hughie McMurray's signed contract for the 1911 season, which means that the strikeout pitcher "Irishman," one of the game's players and the hardest worker in the Western league, will be behind the bat for the Grizzlies again this year.

McGill will never forget the service rendered the Denver club by McMurray last year. On account of the illness of Buck Weaver, he was forced to carry much of the burden of the backstop work during the season and this despite the fact that he was the victim of numerous accidents.

Early in the season McMurray was struck by a foul tip and his right hand split open between the thumb and first finger. He was compelled to warm the bench for several weeks, not because he chose this course, but because Manager Hendricks forced him to remain idle.

Later in the year while playing at Sioux City, in one of the crucial series between the Bears and the Indians, McMurray had his head injured by a bat thrown by one of the Sox players who had fanned at a critical moment.

A doctor was called to sew up the wound. He took a dozen stitches in McMurray's head and the young player resumed play. The strikeout pitcher, however, the Sioux City player had retired the side and it was McMurray's turn at bat. He went to the plate with his head swathed in blood-soaked bandages, cracked out a single.

Weak from loss of blood he staggered to first base. Jack Hendricks tried to have him retire and if necessary forfeit the game, but McMurray refused to listen to this plea. Babe Towne even refused to allow a substitute to run for the injured man and he finished out the game. Jack Hendricks characterized the incident as the nerviest piece of work he had witnessed in his entire baseball career.

McGRAW HAS 14 BOXMEN.

They Will Line Up in Spring Camp at Marlin.

New York, Jan. 24.—The New York National league club will have fourteen pitchers on hand when they line up for spring training at Marlin, Tex., in less than five weeks. Seven of the twirlers are veterans and seven newcomers. Mathewson, Drucker and Crandall will be McGraw's mainstay for next season, but he is anxious to develop if possible at least one or two new pitchers who will keep the team's strength in this respect up to the required notch. It is not certain whether Wiltsie, Ames or Raymond can be counted on and a new star or two will be welcomed enthusiastically.

McGraw also has Marquard, the \$11,000 left hander on his staff and has not given up the task of trying to steady this young hoosier.

The seven new pitchers are Rudolph of Toronto, Hendricks of Vreeland, McKinn, Shontz of Dallas, Jenkins of Pekin, Ill., Tereau of Shreveport, Natchez of Elmira, and Rustenhaven, who pitched for the Cheyenne Indians last year.

Jim and Jewey Went 11 Rounds.

London, Jan. 24.—"Battle Jim" Johnson, the negro heavyweight of Galveston, and "Jewey" Smith, of South Africa, met in a 20 round match here last night. The men fought a stubborn battle for 11 rounds, when Smith twisted his arm and was obliged to withdraw.

Hack Failed to Throw Three.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 24.—Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, failed to throw three men in an hour here last night, each bout to be of 20 minutes duration. Halmar Lundin, the Swedish wrestler, staying the allotted time.

Attell Outpointed Allen.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Abe Attell, featherweight champion of the world, outpointed Billy Allen, featherweight champion of Canada, in a 10 round bout here last night.

WHERE MAJORS TRAIN.

General Tendency Toward Places Providing Moderate Temperature.

New York, Jan. 24.—Hot Springs is to be the most popular baseball center for spring training in 1911. Nearly all of the major league clubs have picked out their training camps and will soon be journeying southward or westward, according to the location selected. The general tendency on the part of the managers seems to be the combining of moderate temperature with locations accessible to springs.

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Concordians Takes Part in Shoot Professionals.

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RAILROAD NEWS.

Chicago Will Be Given Reins of the Rock Island.

Head Offices From New York to Windy City.

SLOAN ASSIST MUDGE.

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Other Items of General Interest in Traffic World.

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N. M. (and the city of St. Louis), in charge of George H. Lee, with headquarters in St. Louis.

WILL GIVE THEM RAILROADS.

Two Kansas County Seat Towns Have Been Promised.

Garden City, Kan., Jan. 24.—Bonds have been voted by five townships in Logan county this week to aid in the construction of the Scott & Northern railroad, the northern extension of the Garden City, Gulf & Northern railroad.

If these elections carry it is expected that the northern extension will be completed and in operation from Scott City north to Winona, Logan county, by the fourth of July.

Steel is now laid from Scott City north for thirteen miles, almost to the Logan county line, and the grades are now at work on the big fills and cuts as far as 25 miles north of Scott City.

The "Gulf" road is now in operation between Garden City and Scott City. The next link north, now building, is through Logan, and now without any railroad, to Winona, on the Union Pacific.

Beyond Winona, it is the present intention to build to Goodland, on the Rock Island, and thence through St. Francis to Haiger, Neb., on the Burlington.

If everything goes well the southern extension will also be well under way this summer, and it is hoped by the promoters that the line can be constructed and in operation to Santa Fe by the fourth of July.

Already \$17,000 has been raised and deposited in notes in the hands of Haskell county for this extension, and there is but \$6,000 more to be raised of the fund pledged to get the extension under way to Santa Fe.

From there south the proposed route is direct to Liberal, through a section now without any railroad.

This will be the first railroad for two counties that towns have asked for.

Some of the towns in Logan county, and Santa Fe, the capital of Haskell. Both are good towns, and both are mighty anxious to get the railroad. Russell Springs has a fine court house, a modern school house, a bank and a lot of substantial business houses. Santa Fe has also a good court house, banks, a newspaper and everything a good town needs, excepting a railroad. But there is promise that this will soon be had, too.

TOPEKA MAN MAKING GOOD.

Santa Fe Cartoonist Makes Hit With His Ability.

Considerable comment has from time to time appeared in the press along the lines of the Santa Fe regarding cartoons appearing in this magazine. Especially has the work of W. M. Laughlin seemed to make a hit with many outside as well as those within the service of the company.

Mr. Laughlin, who at one time was on the staff of the Chicago Daily News but who at present is employed in the office of the general watch inspector at Topeka, recently received the following encomium in the columns of the Kansas City Journal:

The work of "Bill" Laughlin, cartoonist and jokemaker for the Santa Fe Employees' Magazine, is attracting a great deal of attention. "Bill" combines a nimble pencil with a ready working "fanny" convolution in his cranium. Though he is only a youngster, he is "arriving."

Some of the best humor extant is found with the railroad folks. They are a big hearted, happy family, with worlds of hard work in front of them every day—but they have the saving grace of humor. Laughlin is aptly expressing some of this in his cartoons and "laugh lines."—Santa Fe Employees' Magazine.

DYING MOTHER WANTS HER SON.

David W. Fleming of Mexico Wanted by His Mother in Topeka.

Wanted—David W. Fleming. At her little home, 402 East Locust street, Mrs. Mary J. Fleming, an old woman is dying of pneumonia. She is mother of David W. Fleming, who left Topeka about three years ago and hasn't been seen or heard of by his poor old mother and his wife in this city.

Now his mother, who has been worn out by worry and who has been lying awake nights hoping that she might hear the well known footsteps at her door, has been taken down with pneumonia and she wants her son—it is not thought that she will live many more days. Her last wish has been for David W. Fleming.

Fleming left Topeka about three years ago for Hot Springs, Ark. It is said now that he is in Mexico some place working in the railroad shops. His mother and wife are anxious to see him.

The purpose of Mr. Morgan's trip was not made known to the railroad officials.

BACKED BY THE SANTA FE.

New Railroad Through Southwest Texas Into Mexico.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 24.—While the companies organizing to build a new railroad through the southwestern portion of the state and across in Presidio county, Texas, into Mexico will be chartered by other names than the Santa Fe, it is known the Santa Fe is behind the project and that it will secure its long-coveted line into the sister republic. The project is to build a building a road between El Paso and Chihuahua, which will also be extended southwardly in Mexico. The Santa Fe extension will be made from the El Paso road, and the two routes surveyed no intimidation is made which will be selected.

The Pearson interests announce that their road will make important connections with a big system in Texas and that traffic relations will be entered into.

EDWARD W. HURLEY IS DEAD.

Head Man in R. of L. E. Dies of Typhoid-Pneumonia.

New York, Jan. 24.—Edward W. Hurley, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, died Monday afternoon at the Broadway Central hotel in this city. His home was in Boston but he had been in the hotel here with typhoid pneumonia for some time.

Mr. Hurley was born at Spaguehanna, Pa., where he entered the employ of the Erie railroad. He left the Erie in 1882 to go with the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad and continued in active service until 1904, when he was elected assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Funeral services will be held in Dorchester, Mass. He leaves a widow and one son.

FAST WASHINGTON-N. Y. TRIP.

J. P. Morgan Special Makes 235 Miles in 3 Hours 56 Minutes.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—What is believed to be the fastest railroad trip ever made between Washington and New York occurred Monday when J. P. Morgan, the financier, was whisked from one city to the other over the Pennsylvania railroad in the unparalleled time of 3 hours and 56 minutes.



What Kansas Can Do in One Year

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| Wheat Crop | \$ 64,000,000 |
| Corn Crop | 83,000,000 |
| Butter Sales | 9,500,000 |
| Poultry Sold | 10,800,000 |
| Total Farm and Live Stock | 975,000,000 |

These are big figures, but Kansas is a big State, with 10,250 miles of railroads; exceeded by few States in the Union.

The building of the Union Pacific Railroad in Kansas was a bold project, alike in daring and